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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Joseph L. Mark

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Art Unit: 3736

For: FLUID CONNECTOR AND BIOPSY SYSTEM  
INCLUDING SAME

Examiner: J. G. Hoekstra

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE TO ACCOMPANY A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 31, 2011. Please  
amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.